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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) citing JP Laid Open No. 2002-257829 referred to by its original application No. 2001-53097 in Applicants' specification. A copy of the cited document is enclosed. The document is cited and discussed on page 2 of Applicants' specification.

It is respectfully requested that the cited document be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited document be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

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